

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to ask Senator Sieck a question. Senator Sieck, why couldn't you just strike this number 1 at the bottom of the resolution, "That the Legislature supports efforts to reduce the federal deficit in the coming fiscal year." Why is it necessary to put that in the resolution?

SENATOR SIECK: Because we are willing to cut, we are willing to cut.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, that is a self-defeating statement and I know the resolution is going to be ignored but it is necessary sometimes to go on record and that is what is being attempted here and I agree with what the resolution is trying to do. But when you say you are supporting the reduction of the federal deficit, it is obvious that the administration feels this is one of the cuts that is necessary. So if they would even look at this resolution, they would say you having granted the major premise which is that the deficit must be cut, it behooves the administration to decide where the cuts are to be made. Careful consideration has been given to all the programs and this is one that should be cut. Again, Nebraska is not a state of any power, so to at least give a nonvacillating statement, would you be opposed to eliminating that number 1? It doesn't have anything to do with the resolution at all other than to suggest that cutting such programs as these is necessary.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Senator Chambers, no, I wouldn't object to eliminating it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, Mr. Chairman, and I am going to put this on a pad and it is the only comment I have to make. I am moving to strike the number 1 item at the bottom of the resolution and the words stricken would be, "That the Legislature supports efforts to reduce the federal deficit in the coming fiscal year; and". Then if that issue by itself is to be addressed that is something different.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to respond to that, Senator Sieck?